



**American Rescue Plan (ARP) EANS II
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- **Website and Resources**
- **Program Overview**
- **ARP EANS II Application Overview**
- **Q&A Session Dates**

- EANS Program Website
 - <https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/grants/emergency-assistance-to-non-public-schools-eans-grant-program>
 - Home / Finance and Grants / Grants / Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools Grant Program
- EANS Program FAQs and Submission Link
 - FAQs:
 - <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=d39afb1a6c2742d3a7077e043fc9566e>
 - FAQ Submission Form:
 - <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/9d0eedfa7bad45a6871366c6e517fccb>
- EANS Team email for program & technical assistance questions
 - EANS@tea.texas.gov

- **Texas Department of Human Services (DSHS)**
 - <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/45e18cba105c478697c76acbbf86a6bc>

- **Federal Guidance**
 - USDE Webpage:
 - <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/american-rescue-plan/american-rescue-plan-emergency-assistance-to-non-public-schools/>
 - USDE FAQs:
 - <https://oese.ed.gov/files/2021/09/Final-EANS-FAQ-Update-9.17.21.pdf>

- **Authorization Under ARP**

- The American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 (ARP Act), Pub. L. No. 117-2 (March 11, 2021), authorized a second round of funding (ARP EANS II) to provide services or assistance to non-public schools.
- With two exceptions, the requirements of the ARP EANS II program are the same as those in section 312(d) of the CRRSA Act.

- **Two exceptions under ARP**

The requirements of the ARP EANS are the same as those in section 312(d) of the CRRSA Act. The two exceptions are:

- The State educational agency (SEA) may only provide services or assistance under ARP EANS II to non-public schools that enroll a significant percentage of students from low-income families and are most impacted by the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emergency; and
- An SEA may **not use ARP EANS II to provide reimbursements** to any non-public school for costs the school incurred to address the impact of COVID-19 emergency.

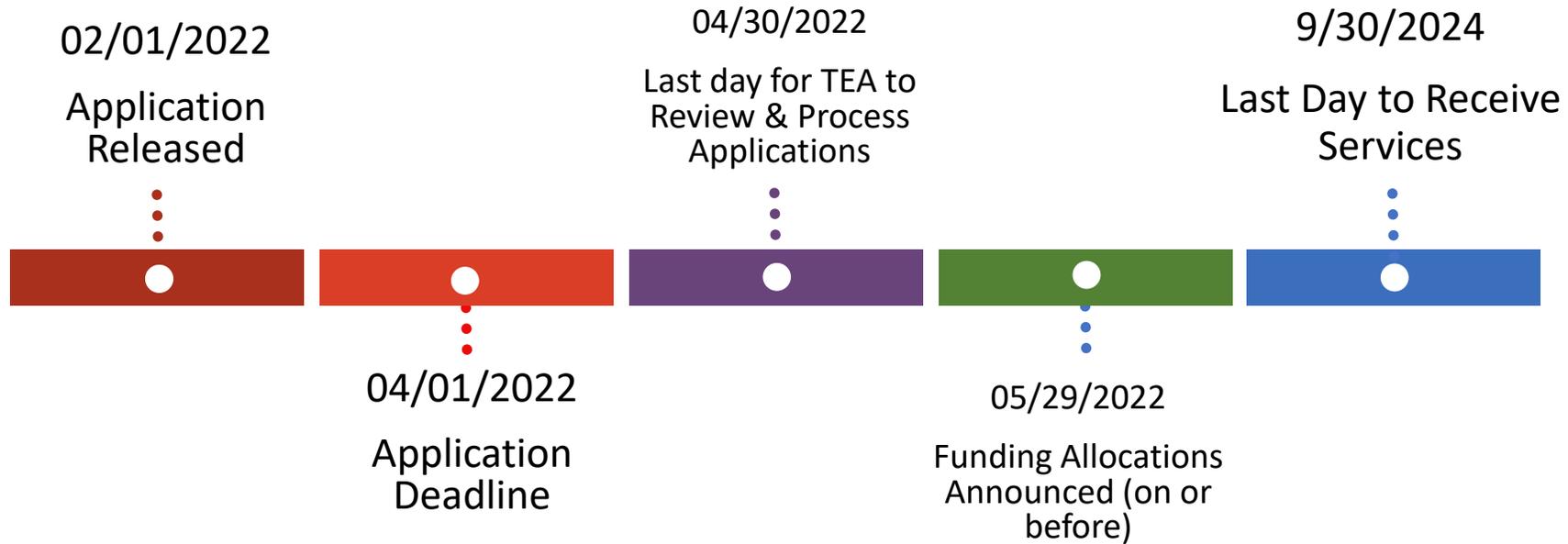
- **Authorization under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) EANS II**

- Assistance and services only; **no reimbursements** to private non-profit schools (PNP).
- TEA administers the program statewide.
- TEA will be working with a third-party contractor to implement the EANS program activities and to provide assistance and services directly or via the third-party contractor.

- An eligible non-public school who applies for ARP EANS II services is not a recipient of federal financial assistance.
- Governor is the recipient of the award and statute requires a public agency to control and administer the funds and to keep title to materials, equipment, or property purchased with ARP EANS II funds.
- Unlike the CRRSA EANS I program, no reimbursements are provided under the ARP EANS II program.

- **An eligible non-public school is an elementary or secondary school that:**
 - Is non-profit;
 - Is accredited, licensed, or otherwise operates in accordance with State law;
 - Was in existence prior to March 13th, 2020, the date COVID-19 was declared a national emergency;
 - Did not, and will not, apply for and receive a loan under the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) that is made on or after December 27, 2020; and
 - The PNP requesting services must have a low-income student percent of 22% or greater.

ARP EANS II Round Two Timeline



ARP EANS II Program Requirements

- **TEA required per statute to:**
 - Target and prioritize funding to private non-profit schools who have a significant percent of low-income students; and
 - PNP(s) most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **PNP may not receive both ARP EANS II and a PPP loan (after December 27th, 2020).**
 - Notify the TEA in writing by 06/01/2022.
 - Email TEA at EANS@tea.texas.gov **only** if you have accepted and received a PPP loan.
- **Services must be secular, neutral, and non-ideological.**

- TEA cannot limit services a PNP requests in the application.
- TEA may limit services to be provided based on the total volume of applications received and the services requested.
- PNP may not receive and duplicate benefits from ESSER I equitable services, a PPP loan or CRRSA EANS I.
 - PNP(s) will be asked to certify that assistance and services being requested in their ARP EANS II application have not already been applied for in the CRRSA application(s), if applicable.
 - PNP(s) that applied and received funding under the CRRSA EANS I program are still eligible to apply and receive services under the ARP EANS II application.

- There is only one area of services and assistance available to PNP(s) in the application:
 - Part I: Requests for procurement of services and assistance that will occur from August 2022 to September 30th, 2024.
 - Note: Procurement of services or assistance will be provided by a contracted third-party provider.
 - Note: **No reimbursements** are allowed under this program.

- **Requests for procurement of services and assistance that will occur from August 2022 to September 30, 2024. Will be provided via a third-party provider.**
 - Supplies to sanitize, disinfect, and clean school facilities (does not include staff training on sanitation)
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE; does not include staff training on use of PPE)
 - Improving ventilation systems, including windows or portable air purification systems
 - Training and professional development for staff on sanitization, the use of PPE, and minimizing the spread of infectious diseases
 - Physical barriers to facilitate social distancing
 - Other materials, supplies or equipment recommended by the CDC for reopening and operation of school facilities to effectively maintain health and safety
 - Expanding capacity to administer coronavirus testing to effectively monitor and suppress the virus
 - Educational technology
 - Redeveloping instructional plans for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss
 - Leasing sites or spaces to ensure social distancing
 - Reasonable transportation costs
 - Initiating and maintaining education and support services or assistance for remote or hybrid learning or to address learning loss

- The following activities may not be provided by TEA or a third-party provider:
 - Subgrants to PNP(s)
 - Payroll to PNP staff or FTE's
 - Costs for janitorial or cleaning services to clean buildings (supplies are allowed, but not the actual cleaning service)
 - Substitute teachers while PNP teachers are out with COVID-19
 - Touchless toilets, faucets, or similar touchless items
 - Any permanent structures
 - Permanent renovations or remodeling of existing school facilities
 - Any assistance or service determined not to be reasonable, necessary, or allowable under the ARP EANS II program.

Website, FAQs, and Technical Assistance

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- Where to access the ARP EANS II application:
 - https://tea.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eg6qmsLn52ViM3c
 - Will click on link and it will take you to live application.
 - Recommended browser: Google Chrome
 - Applications will close and you will not be able to submit after April 1, 2022.
 - If there are any technical issues with your application, please contact EANS@tea.texas.gov.
 - If you need to make changes to your application or to request the application be re-opened for changes. Note that this will push back your application review to the most recently submitted date.
 - No changes will be accepted after the application end date of April 1, 2022 by 11:59PM CST.

PNP(s) Next Steps

- Steps for PNP(s):
 1. Complete ARP EANS II Application in Qualtrics (using link on TEA EANS website).
 2. EANS team has 30 days from recorded date of application to review and notify PNP(s) of application status.
 - Types of Notification (separate notice from allocation approvals):
 - *Negotiations for clarification, additional information, etc.*
 - *Confirmation of approved services or assistance.*
 - *Rejected application, to include reason(s) for ineligibility.*
 3. Service allocations will be published on or before May 29, 2022 in the TEA EANS website. This does not serve as Notice of Grant Award (NOGA).
 4. Schools can begin to *request* procurement of services and assistance from TEA's contracted third-party provider on or after August 2022*.

*Do not reach out to the contracted third-party until on or after this date.

- Will be posted on EANS program website on or before May 29, 2022.
 - <https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/grants/arp-emergency-assistance-to-non-public-schools-eans-ii-grant-program>
- Amounts will be weighted based on:
 - Low-income student percentage
 - Sources of low-income data
 - COVID-19 impact (County, Cases & Fatalities)
 - Weight of all submitted and approved applications.
- TEA will randomly validate PNP's low-income data.

- Reminders and Tips:

- Schools are responsible for saving a PDF copy of their completed application.
- Check your Inbox (or Spam/Junk): noreply@tea.texas.gov
- Authorized Representative – one per PNP
- Plan ahead for the April 1, 2022 11:59PM CST deadline
- Applications are processed in the order received based on recorded submission date.
- Allow additional time for procurement of services

What Next: Related Dates & Deadlines

ARP EANS II Program Timeline:

- <https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/grants/arp-emergency-assistance-to-non-public-schools-eans-ii-grant-program>

Date	Event
01/03/2022	TEA receives ARP EANS II award from USDE
01/17/2022	TEA posts low-income threshold and COVID-19 data requirements and information
02/01/2022	TEA releases EANS application to PNPs; TEA notifies PNPs through email via the PNP listserv and TEPsAC/TPSA
04/01/2022	PNP applications due to TEA; TEA must approve/deny PNP applications within 30 days of receipt
04/30/2022	Last day for TEA to approve PNP applications
05/29/2022	Final day for TEA to announce amounts of Services for eligible PNPs
08/2022	Approved PNPs will begin to receive services, if not before, from the contracted public entity selected by TEA <i>*Note: The selected third-party vendor will be following statewide procurement processes, and as a result, it will be no earlier than this date.</i>
09/30/2024	Last day for PNPs to receive services under ARP EANS II

- How to Register
 - Register on the EANS program webpage
 - PNP's will be sent a link once registered.

- Q&A Dates
 - Q&A Session #1 – Wednesday February 2nd (1-2PM)
 - Q&A Session #2 – Wednesday February 9th (1-2PM)
 - Q&A Session #3 – Thursday February 10th (1-2PM)

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